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SUBJECT : Task Force Meeting of 28 October 1975

1. The Task Force reviewed upcoming Senate and House Select Committee meetings and hearings with identification of subject matter where possible. It was noted that at this point in time we are still uncertain as to specifics to be covered under the House Select Committee hearings scheduled for 4 November, titled "spending."

2. The Action Plan (Issues and Answers) was condensed as follows:

I. What should be the position, role and functions of the senior U. S. foreign intelligence officer?

II. How should strengthened Executive Branch oversight of foreign intelligence activities be exercised?

III. By what mechanism could Congressional oversight of the Intelligence Community best be exercised?

IV. How to insure retention of covert action capability? Where should this capability reside?

V. What is to be mechanism for production of NIEs?

VI. How can Executive & Legislative Branches best be assured that foreign intel activities are conducted with due respect to the constitutional rights of American citizens?

VII. How can Congressional need for substantive foreign intel best be accommodated?

VIII. How can we tell the intelligence story better?

IX. What is Agency position on various draft Administration legislative proposals? How best to make contributions?

X. What should be DCI's philosophy on secrecy? How and to whom should it be expressed? How should present classification system be overhauled?

XI. What organizational improvements can be made to improve the internal command and control of CIA?

XII. Should GAO have audit authority over all CIA funds? If so, how should such audits be controlled to avoid disclosure sources and methods?

XIII. How do we get sources and methods protective legislation passed?

XIV. What is the proper CIA-FBI relationship? What are the proper CIA relationships with other agencies: USSS, DEA, etc.?

3. Re Issue and Answer paper III, Jim Taylor pointed out the problems associated with having a joint committee and the experience of the AEC, now ERDA, to date which found the committee meddling in the management of the organization and day-to-day operation. He cautioned that we should be careful of our wording in proposed legislation to ensure proper Congress versus Agency relationship.

4. Attention was called again to the proposed legislation paper on joint oversight committee as submitted by [redacted] on 17 October. Attendees were asked to ensure that comments be prepared by the 31 October meeting. STAT

5. We then reviewed the Issue and Option paper IX, now re-numbered VII above, as submitted by Dick Lehman. It was noted that the Agency is already in the middle between the Executive Branch and the Legislature on this issue and there was some encouragement for greater involvement by the White House to take a position vis-a-vis Congress and not leave the Agency in the present position. It was concluded that the paper, as submitted, would be passed in to the DCI for his reaction after minor editing and typographical changes were made by Dick Lehman.

6. Dick Lehman announced that Bill Parmenter would be his replacement on the Task Force.

7. All were urged to get outstanding papers and comments in as soon as possible so that they could be passed on to the Director as he has requested.

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